



Upper Uwchlan Township  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP**

September 10, 2013

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Approved

In attendance:

Cathy Tomlinson, Vice-Chair  
Kevin Kerr, Supervisor  
Cary Vargo, Township Manager

Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator  
Mike Heckman, Director of Public Works  
Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary

Invited Guests:

Kevin Conahan, Matt Kozsuch – McMahon Associates  
Tom Kurnick, Alan Wertz, John Bolt – Signal Control Products

Cathy Tomlinson called the Workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

Adaptive Traffic Signal System - Pre- and Post-Construction Analysis Presentation

Kevin Conahan summarized the ARLE Grant - Adaptive Traffic Control System Project to date. The Project included: the installation of an adaptive control system to all traffic signals within Upper Uwchlan Township and Route 100/Eagleview Boulevard, using fiber optic cable; all signals have battery back-up; the removal of the in-pavement sensors as the adaptive system is overhead and more reliable; installation of a southbound Route 100 left turn lane onto East Township Line Road; evaluation of traffic flow pre-construction (May 2012); system activated October 2012; evaluated post-construction (April 2013). The results are as anticipated – travel time on Graphite Mine Road, both directions, has improved by an average of 30 seconds, and on Pottstown Pike, travel time has improved 1-7 seconds.

The installation of fiber optic cable to the Public Works building for the back-up system has been stymied by Verizon bureaucracy.

Property Maintenance Code

Cary Vargo provided an update regarding improvements to the exterior of a property in Bordeaux Estates. Al Gaspari has noted the improvements and will continue to monitor the conditions at the property.

Cary Vargo commented on the operation of a “bed and breakfast” at a Byers Station property. Al Gaspari will provide clarification of the zoning codes to the property owner - the home can be rented to one person, or a family, for any period of time, but rental of rooms is not permitted.

Al Gaspari and the Board of Supervisors continue to discuss the potential adoption of the “International Property Maintenance Code” (IPMC). After reviewing the IPMC Commentary booklet, Kevin Kerr commented the IPMC gives the Code Officer flexibility to address property maintenance issues that have been increasing of late. Al Gaspari commented the IPMC is concise, and provides non-intrusive, common sense guidelines. We have to get State approval to adopt this Code and once adopted, will be included in the “Code of Upper Uwchlan

Township". The Board was agreeable to move toward adopting the IPMC as it will support the Building/Codes Department.

#### Township Manager's Report

Cary Vargo provided updates on the following projects: the driveway to the Marsh Harbour wastewater treatment facility has been widened and paved; Cary is meeting with Columbia Gas regarding the East Side Pipeline Expansion, to clarify the proposed impacts to the Lakeridge and Upland Farms wastewater disposal fields. If they are negatively impacted, Columbia will have to provide us with comparable lands for disposal elsewhere. The Township has been working with Gilmore to draft an amendment to our current Stormwater Management Ordinance to comply with the County's Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan. The draft will be reviewed by the Board and Planning Commission in October and November, targeting December adoption. The trail under construction on Township Line Road should be paved very soon; Township Staff are being trained on the new Property/GIS software; demolition of the gas company facilities at Milford and Little Conestoga is well underway. The Township is interested in the property and a subdivision plan is being drafted. Revised Deeds of Dedication have been received for Windsor Ridge sanitary sewer lines and once ARRO and the Attorneys confirm accuracy and completeness, the documents will be recorded and the 24-month Maintenance Bond will be accepted. The Lyndell Road bridge repairs are complete. Micro-surfacing will be applied to the bridge decking. The Township's Wireless Facilities Ordinance will be updated to incorporate contemporary technology.

#### Open Session

The County has approved a 6-month extension to the Township's VPP Grant, to Spring 2014, in order for the Township to complete the Comprehensive Plan update. The Supervisors will execute the Grant extension document.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Cathy Tomlinson adjourned the Workshop at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik  
Township Secretary